

## IDENTIFICATION LAB TECHNICIAN

### NATURE OF WORK

This is technical work serving as an expert in the processing of fingerprints in the Identification Unit of the Police Department.

Work involves processing fingerprints, operating the NAFIS computer system, processing items for evidence, photography and other miscellaneous duties associated with the Identification Lab. Supervision is received from the Identification Lab Manager with work being reviewed in the form of the effectiveness of services provided.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Performs fingerprint identification and classification; prepares reports of findings and notifies supervisor as appropriate.

Operates the NAFIS computer system for ten print entry, latent print entry, and comparison and identification of "hits" from these entries.

Takes and develops photographs, using various filters and films, of latent fingerprints developed on evidence, questioned documents, individuals, crime scenes and accidents; takes still photos from videotapes.

Uses photographic equipment and develops photographs through proper use of hazardous chemicals, enlargement techniques, films and papers.

Participates in testing completed by Collaborative Testing Service, an independent testing laboratory, which monitors and certifies laboratories in both fingerprinting and questioned document examinations.

Performs related work as required.

### DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Some knowledge of modern principles and practices of law enforcement.

Some knowledge of departmental rules and regulations, and Federal and State laws, with particular reference to fingerprints.

Ability to operate complex computer equipment used for the Nebraska Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) for print identification.

Ability to obtain and process ink and latent fingerprints.

Ability to take photographs and operate complex developing equipment.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with law enforcement officials, co-workers and the general public.

#### DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a senior high school or equivalent and experience in fingerprinting in a law enforcement agency or criminology laboratory.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a senior high school or equivalent and some experience in fingerprinting in a law enforcement agency or criminology laboratory; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledges, abilities and skills.

#### NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Maintains credentials to be court qualified as an expert witness for fingerprint testimony.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head

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Personnel Director

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